tourism and the Ministry was able to utilize just one crore;

(c) whether her Ministry had offered to provide up to 25 per cent of such project cost in a bid to build tourism infrastructure in the country; and

(d) what Ministry considered to take after receiving recommendations from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Tourism has received project proposals under the scheme "Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects" from the State Governments/State Tourism Development Corporations and Private Entrepreneurs.

In the Annual Plan 2007-08, a provision of Rs. 40.00 crore has been kept for the scheme of Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects. The expenditure incurred upto 15.012008 is Rs. 2.21 crore.

As per the scheme guidelines the quantum of subsidy for the projects is provided upto Rs. 50.00 crore subject to a maximum of 25% of total project cost or 50% of equity contribution of the promoter, whichever, is lower. The scheme has been circulated to all State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations and information is also disseminated through the website.

Adventure Tourism in the country

610. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to augment the adventure tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government is also considering the Private/NGO's participation in the adventure tourism; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territories for the development and promotion of tourism projects including adventure tourism on the basis of proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities.

(b) The list of Adventure Tourism Projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism is given in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) and (d) The Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI) comprising recognized adventure tour operators collaborates with the Ministry in devlopment and promotion of adventure tourism in the country.

Statement

State-wise tourism projects sanctioned during last three years

(Rs. in lakh)

State/UT	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3	4
1. Assam	Camping Site at Kohora	2002-03	142.00
2. Delhi	Organising IAAF World Half Marathon Championship	2004-05	25.00

1	2	3	4
	on 3rd October, 2004 at New Delhi.		
3. Haryana	Financial Assistance to Haryana Govt. for Gondwana Land Expedition	2005-06	5.00
4. Himachal Pradesh	*Organising Paragliding Pre-World Cup from 6-9th* November 2004 at Bir Billing in Kangra Valley Construction	2004-05	15.00
	of trekking huts, public convenience, wayside amenities and trekking routes on Mandi-Bilaspur	2005-06	50.00
	Circuit Celebration of Paragliding Pre-World Cup, 2005 at Birbilling in Kangra Valley from 16.10.2005 to 19.10.2005	2005-06	15.00
	Celebration of Great Himalayan Marathon held at Shimla on 25.9.2005	2005-06	5.00
	Mountain Biling Event-MTB Himachal 2006	2006-07	10.00
	Great Himalayan Marathon in September, 2006 at Shimla	2006-07	10.00
5. J&K	Ambassador Golf Tournament	2004-05	10.80
	Remodeling of Golf Course at Pahalgam	2005-06	432.00
	Upgradation of Golf Course at Gulmarg	2005-06	235.00
	Development of Kongdoor as International Ski Destination	2005-06	435.00
	Himalayan Motor Rally from Leh to Srinagar	2005-06	15.00
	Infrastructure Development of adventure sports at Sonamarg	2006-07	190.91
	Infrastructure development of Botapathri area, Gulmarg as camping site	2006-07	202.61
	Construction of IIS &M Building at Gulmarg	2007-08	750.00
	Development of Leh	2007-08	458.70
	Development of Kargil	2007-08	484.00
	Development of Drass-Panikher	2007-08	241.70
	Camping site at Krishan Ganga River of Gurez and Telail valley	2007-08	365.69
	ICE Skating Rink at Gulmarg	2007-08	197.00
	Development of Rajouri as a Tourist Destination	2007-08	434.34
	Water sports centre at Dool, Kishtwar	2007-08	280.12
	Development of Lashpathri as a tourist resort and Sutkudi as Base camp	2007-08	67.10
6. Karnataka	Development of Chickmagalore Wilderness	2004-05	202.48
	Setting up of Nagarhole trekking Camp in Coorg	2004-05	95.30
7. Kerala	Development of Eco-tourism circuit on Neyyar-Panmudi-Thenmala-Konni-Gavi-Thekkady-Munnar-Chinnar-Parambikulam-Neikliampathy-Neyyer Wildlife Sanctuary	2006-07	581.78
	Development of Ranipuram as an Eco-tourism as tourist destination	2006-07	357.01
8. Madhya Pradesh	Celebration of YAI National Sailing Championship at Upper Lake Bhopal	2005-06	15.00
	Destination development of Panna-Sabalshah	2006-07	421.36

1	2	3	4
	Trekking Camp Jhinna, Infrastructure for Platform lift & boating facilities, Dharamsagar Lake, Panna lake, Pondov Falls, Facelifting of Baldau Temple, Rafting in River Ken, Panna Tiger Reserve entrance, water sports at Bhariarpur		
	Rural tourism project at Pranpur, Distt. Ashoknagar	2003-04	48.00
	Rural Tourism Project at Orchha, Distt. Tikamgarh	2005-06	50.00
9. Orissa	Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea	2005-06	447.22
	Development of Chilka Lake, Distt. Puri	2005-06	389.05
	Integrated development of Karaput Circuit—Karaput—Deomali-Jeypore-Upper Kalab-Gupteshwar	2006-07	692.00
10. Punjab	Celebration of Rural sports Mela at Kila Raipur in February, 2006 by Punjab Govt.	2005-06	5.00
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11. Sikkim	Development of trekking trail to Tendong	2002-03	18.84
	Development of Trekking Routes in Sikkim	2003-04	456.55
	Construction of Eco and Adventure Centre Chemchi	2003-04	494.00
	Tourist Trekking Trails and other Tourism infrastructure under Sang-Martam in East Sikkim	2005-06	418.42
	Tourism spots development schemes for Rakdong Tintek Belt in East Sikkim	2005-06	678.30
	Development of the trekking trail from Yangyang/ Dhappar to Bhallay Dunga	2006-07	115.07
	Development of Assam Lingzey to Khedi Trek Route including other Tourist Infrastructure in East Sikkim	2007-08	329.08
	Construction of Pony Track and other infrastructure at Hanuman Tok, Tashi View point and Ganesh Tok, Gangtok, East Sikkim	2007-08	431.00
	Development of Trekking Route from Cabi to Tamzey including high altitude trek of Damboche Jakathang and Thanguphu in North Sikkim	2007-08	382.34
12. Uttaran-chal	Development of Dayara Bugyal Circuit	2004-05	536.36
	Development of Pithoragarh-Munsiyari-Berinag in Kumaon	2004-05	418.60
	Development of Hemkund Sahib-Ghangharia-Valley of Flowers Circuit in District Chamoli	2005-06	653.54
	Purchase of winter sports equipments for development of winter tourism in Uttaranchal	2005-06	134.41
13. West Bengal	Development of Beach Tourism Circuit in Purba Medinipur District	2006-07	598.02
	Setting up of a Night Safari Park at Jorepokhari in Darjeeling	2006-07	15.00